

# **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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October 7, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

HASLEY CANYON ROAD/INTERSTATE 5 (I-5) INTERCHANGE
PARCELS 4-17R AND 4-17T
APPROVAL OF ACQUISITION AND SETTLEMENT - UNINCORPORATED CASTAIC
AREA OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Consider the Negative Declaration certified by the State of California Department of Transportation on July 23, 2001, and the Finding of No Significant Impact determination by the Federal Highway Administration on August 15, 2001, for the Interstate 5/Hasley Canyon Road Interchange Project; determine that the documents adequately address the environmental impacts of the proposed project and that the recommended acquisition of the permanent and temporary rights is within the scope of the proposed project; find that these actions also reflect the independent judgment of the County; find that your Board has complied with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and adopt by reference the Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact.
- 2. Approve the acquisition of fee title for road and highway purposes in Parcel 4-17R (see enclosed Exhibit A) and a Temporary Construction Easement area in Parcel 4-17T (see enclosed Exhibit B) for the Interstate 5/Hasley Canyon Road Interchange Project, located at

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the southwest corner of Hasley Canyon Road and The Old Road in the unincorporated Castaic area of the County of Los Angeles, for \$65,000.

### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to allow the County of Los Angeles to purchase fee title for road and highway purposes in Parcel 4-17R and a Temporary Construction Easement area in Parcel 4-17T. The parcels are needed by the County for the Interstate 5/Hasley Canyon Road Interchange Project.

The Interstate 5/Hasley Canyon Road Interchange Project is one of several current and planned capacity enhancement projects along The Old Road in Santa Clarita. This project is currently in the final design phase and involves new freeway ramps, bridge improvements, and roundabouts on both sides of the I-5 freeway that will accommodate future traffic demands and improve traffic flow in the area.

The project is being administered by the County with cooperation from Caltrans and The Newhall Land and Farming Company. Project funding comes from a Federal grant, County Bridge and Thoroughfare District contributions, and other sources.

## <u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence, as it provides for a project which improves roadway conditions at a freeway interchange of regional significance and will benefit the motoring public and improve the quality of life in the County.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The proposed purchase price of \$65,000 for the property rights represents a negotiated settlement and was accepted by the property owners. Funds for the acquisition are available in the Road 2004-05 budget.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On May 15, 2001, Synopsis 80, your Board adopted a cooperative agreement between the State and County authorizing the design and acquisition of right of way for the subject project.

Mr. and Mrs. Friederichs executed an Agreement to Convey and Claim for Payment and signed the Grant Deed in favor of the County of Los Angeles. Acquisitions in excess of \$25,000 must be approved by your Board.

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

CEQA requires public agency decision-makers to document and consider the environmental impacts of their actions. The State of California Department of Transportation has certified the Negative Declaration, and the Federal Highway Administration has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact for the Interstate 5/Hasley Canyon Road Interchange Project. The recommended findings are in accordance with CEQA and are required prior to your Board's approval of the recommended property acquisition.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

None.

## **CONCLUSION**

This action is in the best interest of the County. One approved copy of this letter is requested.

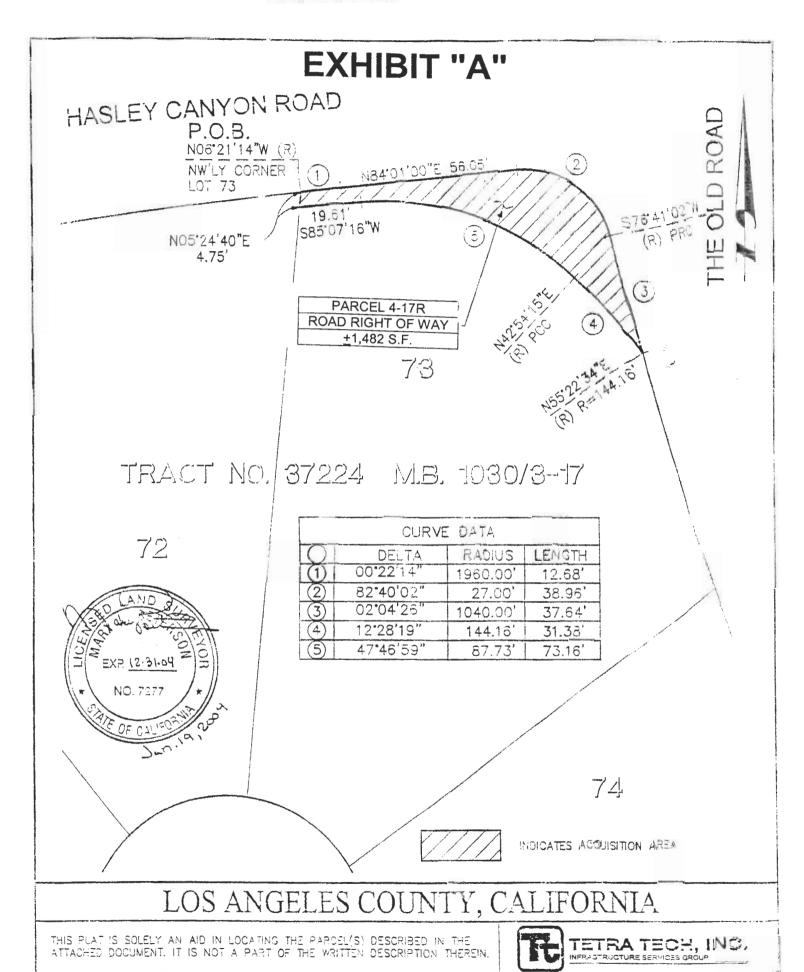
Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE Interim Director of Public Works

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cc: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division - Asset Management)
Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel



SCALE: | CRAWN BY: | DATE: | SHEET: | SUBJECT: RIGHT-OF-WAY HASLEY CANYON ROAD | CCC NG. | 1"=30" | MLP | JAN. 15, 2004 | 1 OF 1 | APN 2866-016-028 | PC2884-0002

